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REMARKS

This is supplemental to the Amendment filed October 13, 2005. The Examiner called the undersigned and requested that the undersigned clarify the common ownership issue.

Sol (US 6,492,619) and the instant invention are commonly owned, and were commonly owned at the time of the invention. In particular, the assignee of Sol (Centre Luxembourgeois de Recherches pour le Verre et la Ceramique S.A. [a.k.a. CRVC]) is 100% owned by Guardian Industries Corp., the assignee of the instant application. Example 1 in M.P.E.P. §706.02(l)(2) makes clear that this is common ownership under 35 U.S.C. Section 103.

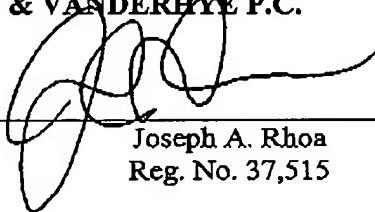
Accordingly, 35 U.S.C. Section 103(c) requires that this Section 103(a) rejection be withdrawn since Sol cannot be used in a Section 103 rejection.

If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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